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<p align="center">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p>Address to: Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop RCE P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	<p>Application Number 09/473,098 Filing Date 12/28/1999 First Named Inventor J. Estrada Art Unit 2143 Examiner Name Kyung H. Shin Attorney Docket No. LOT919990047us1</p>
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on or about 21 Oct 2005
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on *****.
- iii. ☐ Other

b. ☐ Enclosed

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iv. ☐ Other

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1/103(c) for a period of ** months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required).

- b. ☐ Other

3. FEES

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 12-2158

- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other

- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed

- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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